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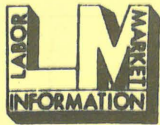
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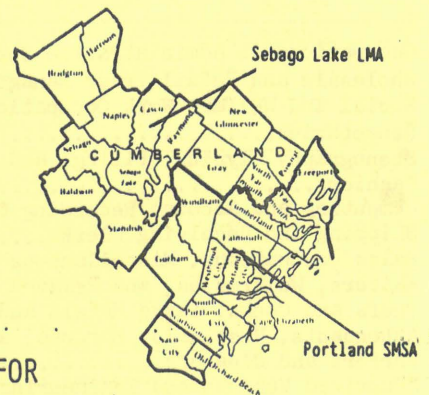
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CUMBERLAND COUNTY



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AREA DEFINITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMY

- I. According to recent intercensal population estimates compiled by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Cumberland County's population increased by 7.3 percent between 1970 and 1978, or from 192,528 to 206,500.
- II. The United States Department of Labor has deleted the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) from its list of eligible labor surplus areas.

OUTLOOK INFORMATION

Nonfarm wage and salary employment is expected to drop substantially in the Sebago Lake Labor Market Area as seasonal employment in tourist related industries falls off. Employment in the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) should approximate August levels. Manufacturing employment should decline slightly in the Portland SMSA as seasonal employment in various fish processing plants drops off.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Area <u>1</u> /	Labor Force <u>2</u> /			Resident Employed			Unemployment Number			Unemployment Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Maine (in 000's) ..	499,600	504,400	496,600	469,800	461,000	470,000	29,800	43,400	26,600	6.0	8.6	5.4
Portland SMSA	83,700	84,800	85,600	79,800	79,700	81,900	3,900	5,100	3,700	4.7	6.0	4.3
Sebago Lake LMA	13,040	12,930	12,720	12,370	12,140	12,180	670	790	540	5.1	6.1	4.2

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each sub-state area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from six-month moving averages of the Current Population Survey. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis.

2/ This month and last month figures preliminary; year-ago figures revised.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

PORTLAND SMSA

Item	Number of Workers <u>1/</u>			Net Change to Current Month from		Percentage Change to Current Month from	
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <u>2/</u>	89.3	88.7	90.6	+ 0.6	- 1.3	+ 0.7	- 1.4
Manufacturing	17.9	17.2	17.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 4.1	+ 3.5
Food and Kindred Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	+ 0.1	0.0	+ 4.3
Apparel and Other Finished Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leather and Leather Products	2.8	2.2	2.9	+ 0.6	- 0.1	+27.3	- 3.4
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	+ 0.2	0.0	+ 9.1
Machinery, except Electrical	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	+ 0.2	0.0	+ 10.5
Electrical Machinery	1.9	1.9	1.6	0.0	+ 0.3	0.0	+ 18.8
Transportation Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.0	- 0.2	0.0	- 22.2
All Other Manufacturing	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.9	+ 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	71.4	71.5	73.3	- 0.1	- 1.9	- 0.1	- 2.6
Contract Construction	4.2	4.3	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 2.3	- 4.5
Transportation, Communication, Electric, and Gas Services	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	23.1	23.1	25.1	0.0	- 2.0	0.0	- 8.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7.3	7.2	6.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	+ 5.8
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	19.4	19.3	19.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Government	11.9	12.1	12.1	- 0.2	- 0.2	- 1.7	- 1.7
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Figures in thousands. Figures for 1979 are preliminary, while 1978 figures are revised.

2/ Refers to persons on establishment payrolls for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes persons involved in labor-management disputes, domestics in private households, nonfarm self-employed individuals and unpaid family members.

ACTIVE APPLICANTS AND UNFILLED JOB OPENINGS IN SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS ^{1/}

Occupations	Job Applicants	Openings Received
Occupations in Administrative Specializations.....	64	1
Wholesale and Retail Trade Managers and Officials.....	60	3
Social and Welfare Work Occupations.....	109	8
Secretaries.....	55	16
Stenography, Typing, Filing, and Related Occupations.....	216	22
Cashiers.....	85	6
Computing and Account Recording Occupations.....	95	7
Shipping and Receiving Clerks.....	62	4
Sales Occupations, Miscellaneous Commodities.....	148	9
Waiters, Waitresses, and Related Food Service Occupations.....	176	86
Chefs and Cooks, Large Hotels and Restaurants.....	81	19
Attendants, Hospitals, Morgues, and Related Health Occupations.....	73	8
Porters and Cleaners.....	98	24
Motorized Vehicle and Engineering Equipment Mechanics and Repairers.....	74	7
Occupations in Assembly and Repair of Electronic Components and Accessories...	51	0
Occupations in Repair and Fabrication of Footwear.....	64	2
Carpenters and Related Occupations.....	94	14
Miscellaneous Construction Occupations.....	206	59
Truck Drivers, Heavy.....	47	15
Packaging Occupations.....	62	8
Packaging and Material Handling Occupations.....	389	31
Occupations in Moving and Storing Materials.....	80	17
Bookkeepers.....	34	12

1/ Those occupations which have 35 or more active applicants.

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System, Table 96. (Current Month.)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)

Sex	Insured Unemployed Percent Distribution
Male.....	51.7
Female.....	48.3

Industry of Separation	
Contract Construction.....	10.1
Manufacturing.....	22.4
Retail Trade.....	23.7
Services.....	20.1
All Other.....	23.7

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Who are the Unemployed?

The unemployed are persons in the labor force, 16 years old and over, who did not work during the week including the 12th of the month (survey week), but who made specific efforts to find a job within the last 4 weeks, and who were available for work during the survey week. Also included were those who were not working and were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job within 30 days. According to this definition there was an estimated 5,100 people unemployed in the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) in July.

Included in this total were:

Covered unemployed - persons who, based on employer coverage, and their earnings and/or weeks of work in the base period, are or have been eligible for UI program benefits.

Noncovered unemployed - those persons separated from industries not covered by UI programs.

New and reentrant unemployed - persons whose spell of unemployment has not been immediately preceded by employment, including those who have never worked and those with at least a year's absence from the labor market.

In terms of the above, July's 5,100 total unemployed consisted of approximately 3,500 covered unemployed, 100 uncovered unemployed, and 1,500 new and reentrant unemployed.

A great deal of detailed information is available on the characteristics of the covered (insured unemployed), a sample of which is provided in the preceding section of this newsletter. Unfortunately, information concerning the new and reentrant unemployed is not readily available. However, based on national statistics, it can be assumed that women and youth, with minimum on long dormant occupational skills, constitute the majority of this group.

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